

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Berwick Academy Historic District (Boundary Increase)

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number East side of Academy Street, .15 Miles South of Junction with Route 236 N/A not for publication

city or town South Berwick N/A vicinity

state Maine code ME county York code 031 zip code 03908

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

E. J. Peterson 2/2/96  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Maine Historic Preservation Commission  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register.  
☐ See continuation sheet.
- ☐ determined eligible for the National Register.  
☐ See continuation sheet.
- ☐ determined not eligible for the National Register.
- ☐ removed from the National Register.
- ☐ other, (explain:)

for Signature of the Keeper

Entered in the  
National Register

Date of Action

Guy M. Rapley

3/22/96

~~Berwick Academy Historic District~~  
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York, Maine  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private  
☐ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only one box)

- ☐ building(s)  
☒ district  
☐ site  
☐ structure  
☐ object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing

Noncontributing

1

1

buildings

1

sites

structures

objects

2

1

Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register**

4

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation \_\_\_\_\_

walls \_\_\_\_\_

roof \_\_\_\_\_

other \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☐ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☐ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

### Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

### Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey  
# \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering  
Record # \_\_\_\_\_

### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Landscape Architecture

### Period of Significance

### Significant Dates

1859

1894

### Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

### Cultural Affiliation

N/A

### Architect/Builder

Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot, Landscape

Architects

### Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approximately 11

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	19	353380	4787990
Zone	Easting	North	ing
2	19	353570	4787620

3	19	353370	4787490
Zone	Easting	North	ing
4	19	353130	4787830

☐ See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

## 11. Form Prepared By

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### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

### Continuation Sheets

### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

### Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

### Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name \_\_\_\_\_  
street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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Property number seven (7) in the following inventory list comprises this boundary increase. The resources numbered five (5) and six (6) were, respectively, omitted in the original nomination and constructed after its listing. They are numbered sequentially from those in the original inventory list. A new district map to which all of the properties are keyed is provided to more accurately represent the site conditions. In addition, a new topographic map with revised UTM coordinates is included.

**5. Berwick Academy Grounds, 1894 – C**  
**Olmsted, Olmsted, and Eliot, Landscape Architects**

Judging from historic images of the Academy campus made before and after the construction of Fogg Memorial Building, the landscape designers appear to have improved an existing oval drive between the street and the Academy building. In addition, a low retaining wall was built along Academy Street, and two arcing walks were constructed from the street to an area opposite the front of Fogg Memorial. The wall is intact, but one of the walks has disappeared and the other is not maintained.

**6. Patricia Baldwin Whipple Arts Center, 1985 – NC**

Modern wood framed building that increases in height from one to two stories in response to the steep slope on which it is built. It is sheathed in weatherboards.

**7. Abner Oakes House, 1859 – C**  
**29 Academy Street**

The Oakes house was the residence of Abner Oakes who settled in South Berwick about 1851 in order to take part in the trial of two "pro-rum" arsonists charged with burning the Berwick Academy building, a mill, and the Methodist Church. He and his family subsequently moved to this house which they had constructed near the Academy property. Later in his life Oakes served on the Academy's board of trustees, and he was treasurer when the Fogg family bequest was made for the erection of a new building.

The house is a two-story, five-by frame Greek Revival dwelling featuring an entrance porch, a gable above the central bay, and a cupola located between two chimney stacks. It is sheathed in weatherboards and stands on a granite block foundation. The building and its detached carriage barn have pronounced cornices, gable end returns, and corner pilasters. Six-over-six double hung sash are utilized throughout the main block of the house. A one-and-a-half story ell projects to the rear. The house is deeply recessed from Academy Street, with a long walkway ascending three terraces to the front entrance.

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In addition to the inclusion of the above described properties in the district's inventory list, the following additional information is provided for the existing buildings:

**2. Hayes-Ward House, formerly named Dunaway (Headmaster's House)**

The name of this house has been changed to more accurately reflect its historically significant owners including its original occupant Judge William Allen Hayes, a long term president of the Academy's board of trustees. The house remained in the Hayes and Ward families into the twentieth century.

**3. Burleigh-Davidson House**

This house was designed by the Boston architectural firm of Kendall & Stevens.

**4. Fogg Memorial Building**

Fogg Memorial was designed by the Boston architect George A. Clough.

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The Berwick Academy Historic District (Boundary Increase) expands the existing district (N.R. 3/28/78) to embrace the 1859 Abner Oakes House, as well as the triangular area of the campus grounds located between the northwest edge of the original boundary and the Oakes property. The Academy's acquisition of the house in 1956-57 illustrates the pattern of campus expansion begun in the 1950s in which architecturally significant and historically related residential properties that adjoin the original campus have been added to it. This process is further explained in the original nomination.

In addition to the inclusion of the Oakes house, this amendment adds Landscape Architecture to the areas of significance for which the district is eligible for nomination to the Register. A plan has been uncovered since 1978 which reveals the fact that at the time of the construction of the Fogg Memorial Building in 1894, the landscape architectural firm of Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot was engaged to design the grounds around it. This plan, which has a revisions date of June 8, 1894, shows a drive extending from the street at the property's southern corner, along the south boundary line, and curving sharply as it nears the new building. It continues in front of and then around the Fogg Memorial Building where it joins the main branch. In addition to the drive, the plan shows a pair of arc shaped walkways extending from opposite corners of the street to an elliptical stone wall in front of the building. Circular posts marked the corner of this wall as well as two others that extended for some twenty-seven feet to the north and south along the drive. Finally, a retaining wall is indicated along the western boundary and located thirty or more feet from the street. A photograph of the Fogg Memorial building made shortly after its construction shows that the two paths were built, but not the upper retaining walls. Although elements of the Olmsted design have been altered since originally implemented -- including the elimination of the south walkway and the near disappearance of the north one -- the modest design treatment is still largely evident and the main avenue and retaining wall survive.

Although the Olmsteds' involvement is only documented for that portion of the Academy grounds that existed in 1894, the adjoining property to the north that was occupied by the Burleigh Family (and that is now part of the campus) appears to have been previously landscaped by an unknown designer. This property is shown on the 1872 Atlas Map of York County as having two long curvilinear drives that met a nearly circular turnaround in front of the house, itself deeply setback from Academy Street. Secondary drives or paths extended to both sides of the house. The southernmost of the drives still exists today as the primary entrance to the Academy. In addition, it is apparent that either at the time of the construction of the retaining wall across the Academy's property in 1894 or sometime shortly thereafter, the wall was extended across the Burleigh property. It is indistinguishable from the Olmsted designed section in its form, materials, and construction, although it does feature a section midway along its length that bends inward.

This boundary increase does not alter the period of significance of the original nomination.

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**Verbal Boundary Description:**

See Map.

**Boundary Justification:**

The boundary is drawn to encompass the area of the original nomination as well as the adjacent Academy owned Abner Oakes House. This boundary includes one eighteenth and several nineteenth century buildings that have had an historic association with the Academy, and that have been acquired by it during the second half of the twentieth century. In addition to the associative importance of the historic residential properties, each one is also architecturally significant. Finally, the boundary of the district embraces an historically important landscape setting originally related to the Fogg Memorial Building and the Burleigh House.

